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**His Majesty's**  
**MOST GRACIOUS**  
**S P E E C H.**

*My Lords and Gentlemen,*



Have lately told you how sensible I am of your Kindness, and how much I value the Confidence you have reposed in Me.

And I am come hither to assure you, That I shall never do any thing that may justly lessen your Good Opinion of Me.

I think it necessary to acquaint you, That the Condition of Our Allies Abroad, and particularly that of *Holland*, is such, that unless some speedy  
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Care be taken of them, they will run a greater Hazard than you would have them Exposed to.

You your selves must be sensible, That the Posture of Affairs Here, require your Serious Consideration, and that a Good Settlement at Home is necessary, not only for your own Peace, but for the Support of the Protestant Interest both Here and Abroad: And particularly, the State of *Ireland* is such, that the Dangers are grown too Great to be Obviated by any slow Methods.

I must leave it to you to consider of the most Effectual Ways of Preventing the Inconveniencies which may arise by Delays, and to Judge what Forms may be most proper to bring those things to pass, for the Good of the Nation, which I am confident, are in all your Minds, and which I on My Part shall be always ready to Promote.

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